

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4158
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2000
FOREIGN VISIT
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the foreign visits made by the officials and experts of the Department of Culture and the Archaeological Survey of India during the last three years;
- (b) the purpose of each visit by the official or group, country-wise;
- (c) whether a delegation comprising a group of archaeological experts and administrators have recently visited Cambodia, China, France, Japan and Vietnam to study the monuments and inscriptions in these countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government have any plan to introduce latest technological developments for restoration and preservation of archaeological monuments in the country with financial and technological assistance from foreign countries and international agencies like UNESCO;
- (f) if so, the details of progress of such projects currently and planned to be undertaken in the near future; and
- (g) the total funds allocated for carrying out such projects in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

- (a) to (d) Details of visits in respect of the Ministry of Culture and the Archaeological Survey of India are given in Annexure I and Annexure II respectively.
- (e) Government have no proposal under consideration in this regard.
- (f) & (g) Does not arise.

Annexure- I

Details of foreign visits by officers / experts of the Department of culture in the last three years referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4158 to be replied on 18/08/2000.

S.No.
Name of officer & Designation
Country visited
Period of visit
Proposed of visit

1 Shri .S.K.Kapoor, Desk Officer
Kazakhstan
3-9, Sept. 1997
As a member of the Technical Teams to oversee the Organization of the Days of Indian Culture in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

2 Kalpana Das Gupta, Director
Belgium
30.08.1997 to 06.09.1997
To attend the 63rd IFLA conference.

3 Shri B.P.Singh, Secretary & Shri Ravi Kant Chopra, Director

Bulgaria & Italy
6-9.09.1997 & 10-14..09.1997
Indo - Bulgarian CEP had been signed & for organizing the Festival of India at Italy.

4 Anjali Sen, Director
Moscow
7-12.10.1997
To attend Inaugural ceremony of the Greater Museum of Nicholas K.Roerich.

5 Shri S.K.Kapur
Desk Officer
Kyrghyzstan
20-26.10.1997
As member of The technical Teams to oversee
the Organization of the Days of Indian Culture in Kazakhzstan and Kyrghyzstan.

6 B.P.Singh, Secreatary
Uganda
04-11.10.1997
Member of PM`s delegation.

7 S.Sathyamoorthy,
Joint Secretary
Singapore
12-15.11.1997
To sign the executive programme between India & Singapore for the period 1997-99.

8 Kasturi Gupta Menon, Joint Secretary
Kyrghyzstan
17-24.10.1997
To attend inaugural function of ` Days of Indian Culture`.

9 S.K Kapoor, Desk Officer
Kyrghyzstan
17 - 24.10.1997
To attend inaugural function of ` Days of Indian Culture ``.

10 Kasturi Gupta Menon, Joint Secretary
Paris
2 - 6.11.1997
To attend UNESCO Congress.

11 S. Sathyamoorthy, Jt. Secy
Germany
15 - 18.11.1997
Indo - Germany CEP had been signed

12 S. Sathyamoorthy, Jt. Secy
Portugal
09 - 12.03.1998
Indo - Portugal CEP had been signed for 1998 - 2000

13 Dr. R. V. V. Ayyar, Secretary
Stockholm
20 - 03.1998 to 02.04.1998
To attend intergovernmental conference on Cultural Policies for Development

14 L. M. Singhvi, Expert
Stockholm
20.03.1998 to 02.04.1998
To attend intergovernmental conference on Cultural Policies for Development

15 Anjali Sen, Director
Stockholm
20.03.1998 to 02.04.1998
To attend intergovernmental conference on Cultural Policies for Development

16 Humera Ahmed, Director
Bhutan
24 - 25.05.1998
To attend the Technical Committee meeting of SAARC

17 Humera Ahmed, Director
Malaysia
25 - 27.06.1998
To attend the Seminar on Archives organized by Record Management Trust London.

18 Kasturi Gupta Menon, Jt. Secy
Berlin/Bonn
05 - 09.04.1998
To finalize the agreement with the Berlin Museum.

19 R. K. Bhatt, AEA
London
17 - 21.07.1998
To attend the meeting on Analysis of South Asian Languages

20 Vishwas Mehta, Dy. Secy
U. K.
19 - 26.08.1998
To attend Seminar

21 Shri S. Satyamoorthy, Joint Secretary
Hungary
22 - 26.09.1998
Indo - Hungary CEP had been signed for 1999 - 2001

22 Kasturi Gupta Menon, Jt. Secy
Melbourne (Australia)
October 1998 (8 days)
To attend the ICOM Conference as Delegate

23 Ravi Kapoor, PS to HRM
Hungary
25 - 27.11.1998
To finalize Indo - Hungarian Cultural exchange programme

24 Ravi Kapoor, PS to HRM
Mauritius
2-03.10.98
To attend International conference on Ramayana

25 V.K.Lakhanpal, Director
Hague
14-26.03.99
To attend meeting on UNESCO convention for the protection of Cultural property

26 Humera Ahmed, Director
Paris
19-24.04.99
To attend UNESCO meeting

27 Smt. Kasturi Gupta Menon, Jt.Secy.

Japan

June 1999 (6 days)

To represent Department of Culture in the Inauguration of the Exhibition - `Silk Road and the world of Xuan Zang`

28 Umang Narula, Dy.Secy.

Thailand

23-26.02.99

To attend seminar

29 Kalpana Das Gupta, Director

Thailand

19.08.99 to 29.08.1999

To attend 65th meeting of IFLAI at Bangkok

30 R.V.V.Ayyar, secretary

Italy

03.10.99

ICCROM

31 V.K.Lakanpal, Director

Italy

03.10.99

ICCROM

32 Navneet Soni, Dy.Secy.

Seoul (South Korea)

13-18.10.1999

To attend UNESCO International Training workshop on living Human Treasures System

33 S.Satyamoorthy, Jt.Secy.

Turkmenistan

11-15.05.99

Preparation for celebration of 500th Birth Anniversary of Bairam Khan

34 Umang Narula, Deputy Secretary

Bangkok

22-27.02.1999

To attend the seminar held by ACCU on Preservation & Promotion of Traditional/Folk Performing Arts

35 M.M.K. Sardana, Addl. Secy

Paris

26-31.10.99

UNESCO

36 Kalpana Das Gupta, Director

Colombo

17.10.1999 to 23.10.1999

To attend a workshop of Networking organized by IFLA

37 R.V.V.Ayyar, Secy.

Paris

7-13.11.99

UNESCO

38 V.S.Ramachandran, Addl. PS to Minister for Tourism & Culture

Paris

31.10.99

UNESCO

39 Shri S. Sathyamoorthy, Joint Secretary
Greece
25-28.10.1999
Indo-Greece CEP had been signed

40. Smt. Kalpana Das Gupta , Director
Jerusalem (Israel)
12-19.08.2000
To attend 66th IFLA General Conference

41. Smt. Kasturi Gupta, Joint Secretary
Tunisia and Sudan
3-10.04.2000
As a member of the Joint Commission led by MOS (MEA) to discuss matters relating to cultural and technical cooperation, and to sign the Cultural Exchange Programme with Tunisia and Sudan

42. Shri Umang Narula, Deputy Secretary
Singapore
5-14.02.2000
To attend the seminar held by ACCU

43. Smt. Kasturi Gupta Menon, Joint Secretary
Tunisia & Sudan

3.04.2000 to 10.04.2000
To sign the CEP with Tunisia and Sudan

ANNEXURE- II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS `a` TO `d` OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 4158
TO BE REPLIED TO ON 18.08.2000

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF FOREIGN VISITS MADE BY THE OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS OF
THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

Sl.No Name of the official and expert
Country visited
Period
Purpose

1. Shri Ajai Shankar
Director General (ASI)
Pakistan
13.09.1997 to 17.09.1997
To attend the 13th Session of the Executive Committee for the International Safeguarding of Mohanjodaro held in Islamabad (Pakistan).

2. Shri S. B. Mathur, Additional Director General (ASI).
Thailand (Bangkok)
19.11.1997 to 23.11.1997
To participate in Asia/ Pacific Heritage Site management workshop organised by UNESCO
Principal Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

3.S/ Shri Ajai Shankar Director General (ASI) & Hari Manjhi Director
Italy
26.01.1998 to 29.01.1998
To discuss mutual issues relating to prevention of illegal export of antiquities, with concerned Italian authorities.

4 Shri Ajai Shankar Director General (ASI)
U.K.

22.01.1998 to 25.01.1998

To discuss mutual issues relating to prevention of illegal export of antiquities, with concerned British authorities.

5. Dr. R. C. Agarwal, Director and Shri R. K. Verma, Asstt. Archaeologist
Tashkent Uzbekistan and Biskek, Kyrgyzstan.

01.04.1998 to 11.04.1998

11.04.1998 to 18.04.1998

Uzbekistan:- To explore the possibilities of a joint excavation project on a pre Islamic site.

Kyrgyzstan:- To explore works to be undertaken in that country in the field of Archaeology

6. Shri S. B. Mathur, Additional Director General (ASI)
France

29.06.1998 to 02.07.1998

To attend UNESCO meeting to discuss a draft convention for protection of under- water cultural heritage.

7. Shri R. S. Bisht, Director (EE & Pub.)
United States of America

13.10.1998 to 27.10.1998

To deliver lectures on the Indus Valley Civilization at:-

1. University of Wisconsin, Madison.
2. University of Pennsylvania
3. Harvard University
4. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

8. Capt. P. R. Prasad, Security Officer.
Nepal

06.10.1998 to 09.10.1998

To attend International Security Conference organised by the International Institute of Security & Safety Management

9. Shri Alok Tripathi, Deputy Superintending Archaeologist.
France

29.10.1998 to 31.10.1998

To attend a Symposium on Underwater Archaeology in France, organised by Museum de L' Ephebe Cap D' Agde, France.

10. Shri A. C. Grover, Director (Conservation)
Cambodia and Laos

12.12.1998 to 22.12.1998

To participate in the International Technical Committee for Safeguarding & Development of the historical site of Angkorvat and to explore the possibility of Indo- Laos cooperation on the preservation of Archaeological surveys in South Champassak Province of Laos.

11. Shri S. B. Mathur, Additional Director General (ASI).
Switzerland

31.01.1999 to 09.02.1999

In connection with matters relating to antiquities

12. Km. Arundhati Banerji, Deputy Superintending Archaeologist.
Bangladesh

15.02.1999 to 21.02.1999

To attend the Third International Congress on Bengal Art organised by The International Centre for Study of Bengal Art.

13. Shri S. B. Mathur, Additional Director General (ASI)
Switzerland

28.03.1999 to 01.04.1999

In connection with matters relating to antiquities.

14. Shri R. K. Verma, Assistant Archaeologist.

Japan

09.03.1999 to 19.03.1999

In connection with Global Youth Exchange Programme organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, Japan.

15. Shri Hari Manjhi, Director (Ant.)

U.S.A.

20.03.1999 to 24.03.1999

In connection with matter relating to antiquities.